

**Trust-to-Trust Transfer  
Acknowledgment Form**  
*Payment of Service Purchase Only*

**DO YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM?**

You need to complete this form if:

- ☐ you are purchasing credit for past service rendered and
- ☐ you wish to pay for your purchase via a trust-to-trust transfer from a Section 457 governmental deferred compensation plan or a Section 403(b) plan.

**SEE PAGE TWO OF THIS FORM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

M T R S U S E O N L Y

**TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBER**

Social Security number ..... MTRS Member number (if known) .....

Name (first, middle, last) .....

Mailing address .....

Phone number(s) ..... Day (.....) ..... Evening (.....) .....

I, the member named above, understand that:

- The Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System has agreed to permit the transfer of employee assets in order to enable me to purchase credit for all or part of other allowable retirement service in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 32.
- The amount to be transferred must be equal to or less than the amount of my service purchase cost.
- The acceptance by the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System of this transfer for this purpose in no manner constitutes any acknowledgment or representation by the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System with respect to the current tax status of the amount received for my purchase of allowable service.
- I am responsible for any and all tax liability.

I intend to transfer the following amount from my account ..... \$ .....

Signature ..... Date .....

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR COMPLETION OF PART 2**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION MAKING A TRUST-TO-TRUST TRANSFER**

Name of financial institution .....

Name of contact person .....

Title .....

Mailing address .....

Phone number ..... (.....) ..... Fax number (.....) .....

I, the contact person named above, hereby certify that the amount to be transferred is from (check one only):

- ☐ A Code Section 403(b) account or annuity
- ☐ A Code Section 457(b) governmental deferred compensation plan

The distribution is as follows:

Untaxed contributions ..... \$ .....  
(The MTRS can only accept untaxed contributions.)

**TOTAL DISTRIBUTION** ..... \$ .....

The date of distribution of these funds is ..... \$ .....

Signature ..... Date .....

## A Note on the MTRS and the New Tax Law (EGTRRA)

The Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System is a defined benefit plan that operates as a qualified employer plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Through December 31, 2001, we were only able to accept, as tax-free transactions, eligible rollover distributions from other 401(a) retirement plans and certain other eligible plans to purchase service credit.

On January 1, 2002, the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) became effective. This new law greatly expands

the portability of your retirement plans by allowing you, in certain circumstances, to roll over funds between certain defined contribution plans and government pension plans. As a result, we can accept an eligible trust-to-trust transfer for the purchase of service credit. Typically a trust-to-trust transfer is a transfer of funds from a governmental 403(b) or 457 plan to which you continue to contribute.

For your reference, below is the relevant excerpt from the System's regulation regarding rollovers.

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### **Rollover Distributions and Trust to Trust Transfers under the federal Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001**

#### **12.03 Trust to Trust Transfers.**

The Board may accept a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer from a deferred compensation plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b) or a tax-sheltered annuity under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) for the purchase of permissive service credit, as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 415(n)(3)(A), or a repayment to which Internal Revenue Code Section 415 does not apply by reason of Internal Revenue Code Section 415(k)(3). Such transfers will be allowed to the extent permitted by law, subject to any conditions, proofs, or acceptance the Board or its designee deems appropriate.